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Dear Dr. Munz:-

This is in reply to your kind letter of October 23. I wish to say that shortly before that date the University, on account of lack of funds, stopped further work on the Botany Building, leaving almost my entire equipment of every sort resting in packing boxes, which I could not unpack because of lack of shelf room and cases. This will explain some of the difficulties I have had in trying to keep up correspondence and attend to the simplest matters. It requires days, sometimes, to search through packing boxes to get a thing which formerly one could take off the shelf in less time than it takes to write this sentence.

As to Madrono, I am directing the assistant secretary to send you the numbers issued to date. Madrono is hereafter to be issued as a quarterly, at \$2.00 per year. I should like very much to have you become a member of the California Botanical Society. It is very much my desire to get into this Society all the botanists in California, of which we have now by far the major portion. Being a member of the Society will not cost you anything extra in case you should subscribe to Madrono, which is a point, so far as it goes.

The annual dinner of the Society occurs on Saturday evening, January 27, here in Berkeley, and is always a very enjoyable affair. While I do not suggest your coming so far just for this dinner, if you should have other occasion to bring you to this part of the country I hope that you will take in the dinner

and stop with me in my house while you are here.

In the reconstruction work on the Botany Building things have been moved about so repeatedly that even daily mail became buried and lost, and not until today have I opened your package. I shall try to report upon it without too great further delay but I am seriously handicapped still in anything that I attempt to do.

With kind regards and best wishes for the New Year,

Yours very sincerely,

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